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## **Migrant Landing Results in 31 Arrests**

**AGUADILLA, Puerto Rico** – Thirty-one undocumented Dominican Nationals were arrested by U.S. Border Patrol Agents and Coast Guard Security officers near Survivor Beach in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico.

The event took place Friday morning, May 2, 2003, when a wooden vessel made landfall on Survivor Beach near the Ramey Coast Guard Base. U.S. Border Patrol agents responded to a call for assistance from Coast Guard security. Border Patrol agents, with the assistance of Coast Guard security, arrested 31 undocumented migrants from the Dominican Republic on and around the Coast Guard Base.

Interviews indicated that the migrants departed the town of Samana in the Dominican Republic on April 30, 2003, on the 35-foot wooden vessel with 2 outboard engines. One adult male is receiving medical attention due to a fall that he sustained attempting to elude authorities. The other 30 migrants, consisting of 7 adult females and 23 adult males, are in good health.

This is the third landing at this location this week. Tuesday, April 29, two landings occurred. The first involving the arrest of 25 undocumented Dominican Nationals and the second landing resulted in the interdiction of approximately 937 pounds of cocaine valued at \$30,000,000.

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